

MINUTES
VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
VIRGINIA BEACH CONVENTION CENTER TOWER BOARD ROOM
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012
10:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Matthias called the meeting to order. .

Members Present: Joan Bondareff, Mary Doswell, Brian Redmond, Art Moye, Bob Matthias, Ron Ritter

Members Absent: John Jester, Lisa Johnson

Staff: Conrad Spangler, DMME Director; Cathie France, DMME Deputy Director for Energy Policy; Al Christopher, DMME Energy Division Director; Ken Jurman, Renewable Energy Manager; Sarah Surber, Assistant Attorney General; Jon Miles, Virginia Center for Wind Energy-JMU; Rick Thomas, Timmons Group

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair called for a motion to approve the September 13, 2012, minutes as presented. The motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

VOWDA ANNUAL REPORT

The working draft of the annual report was provided to members for review. The draft included the suggested edits and comments submitted to Cathie France by members and staff. Discussion focused on the recommendations and future goals/activities. Staff will edit the report to include the revisions approved by the board and submit the final report to the Governor and General Assembly.

PORT AUTHORITY OF VIRGINIA – PROPOSAL TO PRIVATIZE

Members discussed the proposal to privatize the Port Authority of Virginia and agreed to add a third recommendation in their 2012 Annual Report that the Port Authority of Virginia privatization process preserve no- or low-cost access to port land and facilities to maintain Virginia's competitive advantage to attract and develop an offshore wind energy industry and supply chain.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be scheduled for December 6th in Richmond, location to be announced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were reminded of the requirements for the Conflict of Interest Act training and financial interest annual filing.

The announcement of the BOEM Virginia Lease will probably be released later this year.

The U.S. Department of Energy has assumed oversight of the Chesapeake Light Tower (CLT) and will reassess needed upgrades to refurbish the CLT to serve as a Reference Facility for Offshore Renewable Energy. An official announcement hasn't yet been released. It was agreed that this update will be included in the Federal Activities section of the VOWDA 2012 Annual Report.

The Deepwater Environmental Assessment includes good information on what developers will need to prepare an application for a wind farm offshore Virginia. The link to the report was sent to members last week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Ancona of Princeton Energy Resources International (PERI) offered to present to VOWDA at a future meeting the marine study results from their study on "Overcoming the Challenges to Wind Energy Development in the Mid-Atlantic", completed for DOE. He will send the link to the report on Princeton Energy's website to VOWDA staff for distribution to members

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.